

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating data stewardship for
2 metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:
3 | ~~allowing a user to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of a user, for
4 | use in the data warehouse system;
5 | ~~allowing a super user to move~~ moving the metadata, under the control of a
6 | super user, into and out of a collection;
7 | ~~allowing the super user to assign~~ assigning, under the control of the super
8 | user, a data steward for the collection; and
9 | ~~allowing the data steward to manipulate~~ manipulating, under the control of
10 | the data steward, the metadata in the collection, wherein manipulating the
11 | metadata involves securing the metadata and performing administration
12 | operations on the collection.

- 1 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 | ~~allowing a collection administrator to move~~ moving metadata, under the control of
3 | a collection administrator, into and out of the collection.

- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward
2 includes more than one individual.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein manipulating the
2 metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the collection is related
2 to a specified domain.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward can be
2 a data steward for more than one collection.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the super user has
2 access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can
2 include data descriptions.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can
2 include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 | ~~allowing the user to create~~ creating, under the control of the user, a new
3 | metadata; and
4 | ~~allowing the user to request~~ requesting, under the control of the user, that
5 | the new metadata be moved to the collection.

1 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 | ~~allowing the user to manipulate~~ manipulating metadata, under the control of the
3 | user, that the user owns and that does not belong to the collection.

1 12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 ~~allowing the data steward to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of the data
3 ~~steward,~~ within a folder in the collection, wherein creating metadata within the
4 folder automatically causes the metadata to be added to the collection.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 1,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.

1 14. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a
3 method for facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a data warehouse system,
4 the method comprising:
5 ~~allowing a user to create~~ creating metadata, under the control of a user, for
6 use in the data warehouse system;
7 ~~allowing a super user to move~~ moving the metadata, under the control of a
8 ~~super user,~~ into and out of a collection;
9 ~~allowing the super user to assign~~ assigning, under the control of the super
10 ~~user,~~ a data steward for the collection; and
11 ~~allowing the data steward to manipulate~~ manipulating, under the control of
12 ~~the data steward,~~ the metadata in the collection, wherein manipulating the
13 ~~metadata involves securing the metadata and performing administration~~
14 ~~operations on the collection.~~

1 15. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing a collection administrator to~~

3 | ~~move~~ moving metadata, under the control of a collection administrator, into and
4 out of the collection.

1 16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the data steward includes more than one individual.

1 17. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein manipulating the metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the collection is related to a specified domain.

1 19. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the data steward can be a data steward for more than one collection.

1 20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the super user has access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 21. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein more than one data steward can be a data steward for a specified
3 collection.

1 22. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein the metadata can include procedures related to the data warehouse
3 system.

1 23. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 14, the method further comprising:

3 | ~~allowing the user to create~~ creating, under the control of the user, a new
4 | metadata; and
5 | ~~allowing the user to request~~ requesting, under the control of the user, that
6 | the new metadata be moved to the collection.

1 | 24. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 | claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing the user to manipulate~~
3 | manipulating metadata, under the control of the user, that the user owns and that
4 | does not belong to the collection.

1 | 25. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 | claim 14, the method further comprising ~~allowing the data steward to create~~
3 | creating metadata, under the control of the data steward, within a folder in the
4 | collection, wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes the
5 | metadata to be added to the collection.

1 | 26. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 | wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 | wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 | to/from the collection.

1 | 27. (Currently amended) An apparatus for facilitating data stewardship
2 | for metadata in a data warehouse system, comprising:
3 | a creating mechanism configured to ~~allow a user to create~~ metadata, under
4 | the control of a user, for use in the data warehouse system;
5 | a moving mechanism configured to ~~allow a super user to move the~~
6 | metadata, under the control of a super user, into and out of a collection;

7 an assigning mechanism configured to allow the super user to assign,
8 under the control of the super user, a data steward for the collection; and
9 a manipulating mechanism configured to allow the data steward to
10 manipulate, under the control of the data steward, the metadata in the collection,
11 wherein manipulating the metadata involves securing the metadata and
12 performing administration operation on the collection.

1 28. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 moving mechanism is further configured to allow a collection administrator to
3 move metadata, under the control of a collection administrator, into and out of the
4 collection.

1 29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward
2 includes more than one individual.

1 30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein manipulating the
2 metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the collection is
2 related to a specified domain.

1 32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward can
2 be a data steward for more than one collection.

1 33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the super user has
2 access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can
2 include data descriptions.

1 35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can
2 include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 36. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, further
2 comprising:
3 a metadata creating mechanism configured to ~~allow the user to create,~~
4 under the control of the user, a new metadata; and
5 a requesting mechanism configured to ~~allow the user to request, under the~~
6 control of the user, that the new metadata be moved to the collection.
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1 37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 manipulating mechanism is further configured to ~~allow the user to manipulate~~
3 metadata, under the control of the user, that the user owns and that does not
4 belong to the collection.

1 38. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the
2 creating mechanism is further configured to ~~allow the data steward to create~~
3 metadata, under the control of the data steward, within a folder in the collection,
4 wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes the metadata to
5 be added to the collection.

1 39. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and

3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.